

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
Divisional of U.S. Appln. No. 10/019,656
Attorney Docket No. Q79579

REMARKS

This is a divisional of pending Application No. 10/019,626 which is a 371 of PCT/JP00/04383, and is directed to the Group II and III claims as set forth in the Restriction Requirement dated July 1, 2003.

This Preliminary Amendment incorporates the claim amendments of the Article 34 Amendment in PCT/JP00/04383 and additional amendments.

Particularly, claim 13 has been amended to recite --thereby obviating an occurrence of a seal defect--. This amendment is supported by the specification, for example, at page 23, lines 6-20.

Claims 9, 15 and 25 have been amended to change their dependency.

Claim 25 has also been amended for clarity.

Claims 1-5, 8, 10-12, 16-24 28 and 29 have been canceled.

No new matter has been added, and entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

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